

“Living a Successful Life Through Stewardship”
Luke 6:27-38

Four observations from Luke 6:

1. This behavior is to be our lifestyle
2. This behavior sets us apart from the world
3. This behavior is modeled by our Heavenly Father
4. This behavior will reap many benefits

How do we develop a lifestyle of giving?

1. Totally give yourself to God
2. Learn the benefits of biblical giving
3. Apply those principles to your life

Two things to do for God to take care of your needs:

1. We must ask
2. We must be generous

Benefits of a lifestyle of giving:

1. It puts material wealth into a biblical perspective

“Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you.” Matthew 6:33

2. It teaches us that giving should not be separated from behavior.
3. It is a key test of spiritual commitment

“If you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches of heaven.” Luke 16:11

4. It protects against financial bondage

“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other – you cannot serve both God and money.” Luke 16:13

5. It gives me victory over materialism

“Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good work, to be generous. Storing

up for themselves a treasure of a good foundation for the future so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.” 1 Timothy 6:17-19

6. It strengthens my faith

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven, and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” Malachi 3:10

7. It makes me happy

“There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.” Acts 20:35

8. It blesses me in return

“He, who is generous, will be blessed.” Proverbs 22:9

9. It keeps me from losing my assets and my abilities

“What you keep you lose and what you lose you keep.” Luke 17:33

10. It is proof of my love

11. It focuses on the eternal rather than the temporal

12. It will bring rightful recognition from the body of Christ.

“Welcome him back in the Lord with great joy and honor men like him. Honor men that are great givers.” Philippians 2:29

13. It will bring rightful recognition from God.

14. It makes me more like God.

15. It draws me closer to God

“Where your treasure is, there your heart is also.” Luke 12:34

“There are two kinds of people on earth today, just two kinds of people, no more I say, not the good and the bad for it is well understood, that the bad are half good and the good are half bad, no, just two kinds of people on earth I mean, are the people who lift and the people who lean.” Ella Wilcox

16. It activates my faith.

“God, this pledge form represents my faith in you and your ability to work miracles and bring supernatural breakthroughs in my life and in my family. This is how much I believe in you and your supernatural ability. I have faith that you can make a way for me. Even though it looks as if I can’t afford to pledge this amount, I’ll do it anyway, trusting in you.”